

FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

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USDA CANNED BONED POULTRY PURCHASE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced plans to purchase canned boned poultry for domestic food nutrition assistance programs.

Offers will be invited from the trade for canned boned poultry in 29-ounce (822 g) cans, packed 24 cans to a shipping container with 43.5 pounds (19.73 kg) net weight in purchase units of 36,540 pounds (16,574 kg) net weight.

Invitation No. 1, inviting offers due by 12 noon, Central Time, Monday, Aug. 16, is being issued this week. Acceptances will be announced by midnight Friday, Aug. 20, for delivery from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31.

All offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>. Offers submitted by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive.

There are some important changes to this year's program. The contractor/producer must immediately report all complaints received on the commodity to the Contracting Officer. As with last year's program, all contractors and suppliers in USDA's purchase programs must register with the Central Contractor Registration System. Certifications, representations, and warranties will be made annually and are contained in Appendix-1. The certifications will be made one time only for all Poultry Program Announcements for the program year. Certifications must be received by the Contracting Officer prior to submitting a bid. Information regarding these requirements is contained in Announcement PY-290, which is being distributed to the trade. Offerors are urged to review the bid format and product specifications and are cautioned to offer only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver during the contracted delivery period.

Although most other provisions of the program are similar to the program operated last year, offerors are urged to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of USDA-1, as amended, Announcement PY-290, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specifications for Canned Boned Poultry dated July 2004, and Invitation No. 1.

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Room 3941-S, STOP 0260, Washington, DC 20250. An electronic version of this Food Purchase Report can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

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